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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN-BELGIAN RELATIONS

1. NEW BELGIAN AMBASSADOR KERREMANS FILLED ME IN ON HIS HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH MOBUTU ON OCCASSION OF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS JULY 17.

2. MOBUTU APPARENTLY GOT OFF HIS CHEST LONG LIST OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS. ON CHOME BOOK, HE DECLARED THIS AFFAIR WAS A THING OF THE PAST. HOWEVER, HE RETURNED TO SUBJECT SEVERAL TIMES CLAIMING THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY BELGIUM COULD NOT HAVE BANNED BOOK AS WAS DONE IN FRANCE OR AS WOULD BE DONE IN US (SIC). MOBUTU THEN WENT ON TO TOUCH ON OTHER ISSUES GROWING OUT OF FORMER COLONY-METROPOLE RELATIONSHIP. MERREMANS SAID MEETING LARGELY WAS IN FORM OF MOBUTU INSTRUCTING A NEWCOMER TO THE ZAIRIAN SCENE (WHICH HE IS).

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, KERREMANS SAID BRUSSELS NOT PRESSING HIM TO GET ON WITH DISCUSSIONS ON COMPENSATION FOR BELGIAN PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN  
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ZAIRIANIZED, BUT RATHER WANTS TO WAIT UNTIL MORE

PROFITIOUS TIME.

4. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF COURTESIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SHOWN HIM SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, AMBASSADOR KERREMANS BELIEVES THAT BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS ARE NOT YET AT STAGE OF SUBSTANTIVE IMPROVEMENT. MOBUTU DID RECEIVE HIM IN RECORD TIME (9 DAYS AFTER) AND ACCORDED HIM UNUSUALLY LENGTHY INITIAL AUDIENCE. GOB-GOZ RELATIONS FOR SOME TIME TO COME WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM CHOME BOOK. WHILE ACCEPTING FACT GOB WILL NOT BAN BOOK, MOBUTU STILL GIVES SIGNS THAT HE DEEPLY RESENTS FACT CHOME BOOK BEING FREELY SOLD. AT ANY RATE, DIALOGUE ON OFFICIAL LEVEL HAS NOW BEEN RESTORED AND THIS IN ITSELF IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER UNFORTUNATE SITUATION DURING PAST SIX MONTHS. NEWLIN

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